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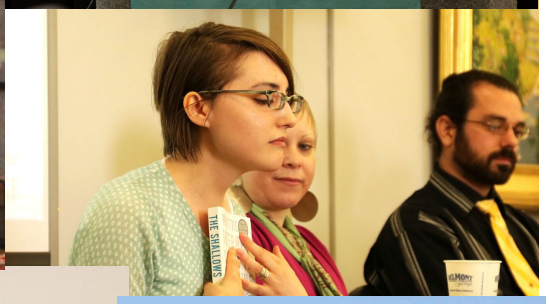
2017 : A Year in Review



2 million children are exploited in the global commercial Sex Trade
Human Trafficking generates about $150 billion a year
There are an estimated 45.8 million People in Slavery Today

To the class of 2017,

I wanted this to say something profound and insightful. This is the last time I'll ever write for the newspaper with which I've come to wholly identify, so I had hoped to say something that would stick with people. I'm a writer—or at least I try to be—and I usually pride myself in being able to bend words into something meaningful. But I'm not in a fiction workshop now. I'm not painting an inky picture of a world which will remain forever unmoving, caught in the timelessness of a page. I'm just a college kid who's graduating, and there are only so many things I can say.

I can say "we did it." I can say it's been "a crazy journey." I can say I'm not who I was.

But that's not what I want to say, and it's not what I feel. Sure, there's triumph to this achievement, but it's also so steeped in loss. Everyone who graduates loses people, be they friends or acquaintances or beloved professors or just the semi-known faces we see almost every day as we zig-zag across the concrete campus. We lose a place that's been central in our lives for four or more years, and with it we lose some familiarity with our world.

There's a temptation to chalk this up to moving on—to say that the past years have been no more than a stepping stone, and now it's time to move on to the "real world"—but boiling college down to an extended career prep session does a disservice to the whole experience. The time spent in college and the experiences we have here are as real as they are anywhere else. The people we meet and the friends we make here are as important as those we find anywhere else.

The only difference is that all this is ephemeral. We stay just long enough to get attached, and then it's time to leave. As much as college prepares us for the workforce, it also teaches us the equally-essential skill of how to say goodbye. Here are some excerpts from that lesson:

The end result can't encompass the whole experience. The degree might be what you came here for, but it could never contain everything you've seen along the way.

Take something with you. The experiences you've had here and the people you've met—even those you'll leave behind—have changed you. Keep what you've learned from them in a little box inside you as you move into the next chapter of your life.

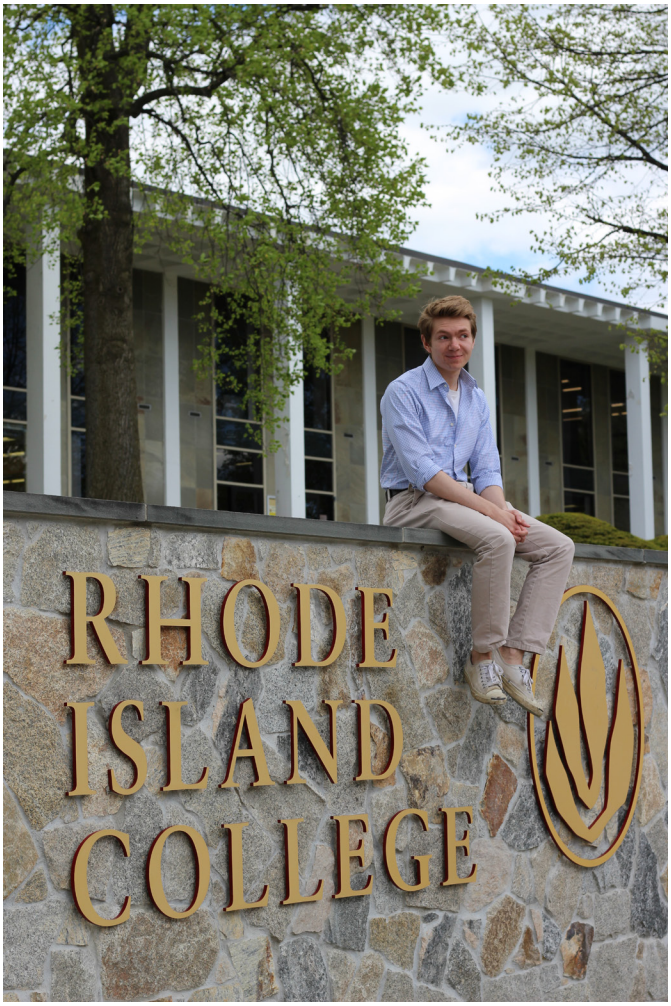
Hold onto what you can. Once you leave, staying in touch with people becomes harder and harder. Try your best not to let them all slip away.

These are pieces of the lesson students learn, but there is so much more that can't be conveyed through words alone. Now all that's left is to say goodbye to the school which has given me some of the best experiences of my life.

So RIC, I'll see you around. What else is there to say?

Best,

Shane Inman
Class of 2017
Managing Editor



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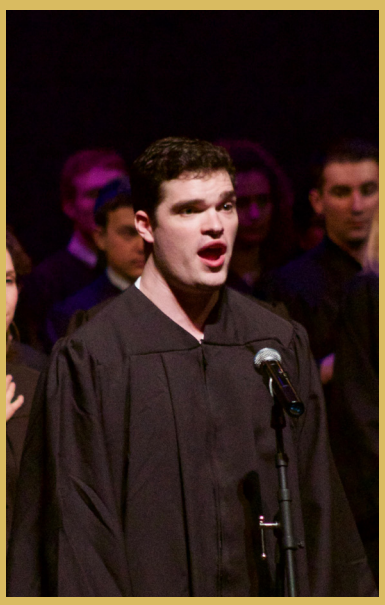


MaryAnn Hawkes Award
in
JUSTICE STUDIES
NICOLE M. THEODEAU
MaryAnn Hawkes Award

2017 Cap & Gown Awards

Outstanding Student Awards
Accounting and Computer Information Systems
Brian D. McKay (Accounting)
Andre Vanhorn (Computer Information Systems)

Mary Ball Howkins Art History Award
Art
Hannah M. Petrarca

Studio Art Award
Art
Brittany L. Dias

W. Christina Carlson Award
Biology
Lindsay E. Ratcliffe

Theodore Lemeshka Award
Biology
Shiler S. Mohammed

Certificate of Excellence
Medical Imaging
Alissa L. Savignano (Diagnostic Medical Sonography)
Laura Hill (Magnetic Resonance Imaging)
Samantha Costa (Nuclear Medicine Technology)
Katie A. Rapoza (Radiologic Technology)

Eleanor M. McMahon Award
College Honors Program
Angeliz I. Vargas-Casillas

Communication Achievement Awards
Communication
Rachel A. Hamilton (Mass Media)
Sabrina A. Verrechia (Public Relations)
Angelina M. Denomme (Public and Professional)
Chelsea M. Rezendes (Speech, Language, and Hearing Science)

Outstanding Student Award
Economics and Finance
Richard E. Moore

Mary Alice Grellner Educational Studies Senior Award
Educational Studies
Christopher P. Costa

Katherine Murray Prize
Educational Studies
Karen J. Ramirez

Elementary Education Award
Elementary Education
William J. Poland Jr.

Sister Mary Francis Ryan, R.S.M. Early Childhood Education Award
Elementary Education
Jill P. Mennucci

Jean Garrigue Award
English
Marissa M. Neilson

Spencer and Marguerite Hall Award
English
Amanda A. Irwin

Jennifer S. Cook Award in English and Educational Studies
Educational Studies
Karen J. Ramirez

Mark W. Estrin Film Studies Award
Film Studies
Spencer Serra

Rose Butler Browne Award
Rhode Island College Foundation
Yelena A. Trubitsyna

Bertha Christina Andrews Emin Award (Outstanding Achievement)
Rhode Island College Foundation
Isa C. Cespedes

Bertha Christina Andrews Emin Award (Scholastic Excellence)
Rhode Island College Foundation
Deepani Ambalangodage

Gender and Women's Studies Award for Scholarship
Gender and Women's Studies
Rowan D. McKenna

Gender and Women's Studies Award for Service
Gender and Women's Studies
Cedar S. Hayes

Health and Physical Education Award
Health and Physical Education
Stephanie Taveras

Claiborne deB. Pell Award
History
Emma R. Lafleur

Evelyn Walsh Prize
History
Emma R. Lafleur

Helen M. Murphy Award
Intercollegiate Athletics
Sadie E. Campanella

John E. Hetherman Award
Intercollegiate Athletics
Edward K. Cummins

Bourget Student Athlete Award
Intercollegiate Athletics
Nicole M. Thibodeau

John Silva Memorial Scholastic Award
Management and Marketing
Anthony N. Minutelli Jr. (Management)

Outstanding Student Award
Management and Marketing
Yasmeen B. Farrah (Marketing)

Richard A. Howland Computer Science Award
Mathematics and Computer Science
Jonathan M. Carney

Christopher R. Mitchell Award
Mathematics and Computer Science
Angeliz I. Vargas-Casillas

Nelson A. Guertin Memorial Award
Modern Languages
Emily Crowley (French)

Prémio Em Estudos Portugueses
Modern Languages
Lelia C. Noble

Tegu Polyglot Award
Modern Languages
Marcia V. Ramos

Peter Jeffrey Archambault Memorial Award
Music, Theatre, and Dance
Ava Mascena

Cantor Jacob Hohenemser Award
Music, Theatre, and Dance
Michael T. Garrepy

Alice K. Pellegrino Music Education Award
Music, Theatre, and Dance
Nareh Mkrtschjan

Rhode Island College Theatre Award
Music, Theatre, and Dance
Joseph M. DeLeo

Yetta Rauch Melcer Dance Award
Music, Theatre, and Dance
Nicole J. Chagnon

Nursing Award
Nursing
Kristyn Golomb (Academic Excellence)
Meghan E. Godbout (Service Excellence)
Michelle M. Macko (Registered Nurse)

Thomas J. Howell Award
Philosophy
Harry E. Koutros

American Institute of Chemists Award
Physical Sciences
Gary M. Marqus

Ronald J. Boruch Award
Physical Sciences
Jennifer L. Beauchemin

Departmental Physics Award
Physical Sciences
Rachel J. Meyen

Herbert R. Winter Award for Academic Excellence in Political Science
Political Science
Kristen Michelle Roy

Victoria Lederberg Psychology Award
Psychology
José R. Rosario

Dorothy Bianco Award in Chemical Dependency and Addictive Studies
Psychology
Erin M. Blackmer

Bachelor of Social Work Community Service Award
Social Work
Scott D. Bjurman

Anthony E. Ricci Social Work Practice Award
Social Work
Nayanne S. Lenus

Mary Ann Hawkes Award in Justice Studies
Sociology
Aaron M. DeMarco
Ryan A. Sherry

Elisa F. Bonaventura Award
Special Education
Maritza A. Mayo

Josephine A. Stillings Award
Special Education
Kristina R. Shardlow

Cap & Gown Faculty Address

Robin K. Montvilo

Professor of Psychology

As I look out at you now, I think back to the first time that I got to see most of you on September 5, 2013 at the first ever Freshman Convocation at RI College. At that time, many of you, the incoming students were encouraged to use your time at RIC to learn and grow. I remember sitting there that day, looking at the incoming freshman and thinking about all their potential. I've watched you over the years, and I've seen many of you grow and change in very impressive ways. Now, whether you leave here to teach, or go into nursing or law or medicine, or business, social work, scientific research or the behavioral health fields—whether you go out to work in the world or go on for more schooling, that potential has grown exponentially. You are leaving your home here at RIC to take your place in the larger world out there. You may have noticed that that world is now a somewhat scary place (I certainly have) — but a place that is in need of and ready for change. I know in my heart of hearts that many of you who are leaving here today have the knowledge, and the motivation, and the know how to effect that change. I am inspired looking at the class of 2017 (as I did in 2013) knowing that I will see many of you in the future doing great things, and working to make the world that better, and safer place for all of us. In your time at RIC, you worked hard, most of you found your passion, and followed that passion. Now take that passion out with you to the world at large, share it with those you come in contact with, and together you can and will bring about change to improve our world. And when you do, be sure to come back and share your accomplishments with us. As Dr. Seuss said through the Lorax, «unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. No it›s not.» RIC is very proud of all of its alumni. As a member of the Class of 1982 (in Nursing) I know that personally. In the 40 years that I have been here, the college has undergone many changes. The fairly new nursing program evolved into a school of nursing getting ready to give its first doctorate degrees. The Gerontology program began in 1977 and is now celebrating its 40th anniversary. The Chemical Dependency/ Addiction Studies program began in 2001 and is now graduating its 15th class. As the world has changed, these advances at the college have made an incredible difference. Within the next three years, the number of people over age 65 in the world will surpass the number under age 5. As the population of the world is living longer, the Nursing and Gerontology programs have become more important. With the opioid crisis today, there are more deaths in the United States due to drug overdoses than due to car accidents. The CD/AS graduates go out into the world ready to help people deal with Substance Use Disorders. As the world continues to change, the college too is on the brink of change. We have a new administration that is clearing the way to effect that change at the College and give incoming students an even brighter future. We will always be able to look at you, the class of 2017, as the people who were here at the beginning of this new administration ready to help make that change. It seems fitting that RIC's visit by a sitting President of the United States came during your time here. On October 31, 2014, President Obama told the RIC community that "in this country, no matter who you are, what you look like, where you come from, whether you are male or you are female -- here in America, you can make it if you try. " I have seen you, time and time again over your years here. I know who you are and what you look like, and I know that when you take your passion and your knowledge and run with it YOU WILL MAKE IT— and by sharing that knowledge and passion with those around you, you will change the world for the better. I have never been more proud of a group of people in my life. Now go out there and show the world what an impressive group of people you are! We know it. President Obama knew it, and soon the rest of the world will see it as well. You are our hope for the future, and I feel certain that that future is in good hands! Congratulations from all of us! Now go out and get on with your bright future. The world is counting on you.

Cap & Gown Student Address

Erik Dauplaise

Good afternoon. Today I will to tell you a story about a couple and the effort it took for them to get their educations. It starts when they were slightly younger than many of you that are graduating this year.

An 18-year-old man and a 16-year-old woman were in love. They made what many people would consider to be a mistake: the woman became pregnant during their school's' summer break. They chose to get married and raise their child together as a family. The man returned to the University of Rhode Island where he was an ROTC student and the woman returned to West Warwick High School.

Upon discovering the woman was pregnant the school department would not allow her to attend classes. I want to repeat that – a public school department prevented her from attending high school because she was pregnant. She returned to school after the birth of their child.

The wife became pregnant again during her senior year. Determined to graduate without further delay she hid the pregnancy from the school so she would not be forced out again. A few months after graduating she gave birth to their second child. The husband completed his bachelor's degree and entered the US Army as an officer. Four years after the birth of their first child they celebrated the birth of their third and final child.

While stationed in Germany he earned an MBA from the University of Utah and she started at the University of Maryland through their European extensions. He completed his five-year commitment and was honorably discharged. They returned to the United States and lived in Billings, MT. She continued her college education at Eastern Montana College. They moved to Iowa and she attended Augustana College in Illinois. They returned to their home state of Rhode Island and by the time their children were adults she earned two Bachelor degrees from Rhode Island College. Both had successful careers and today they are happily retired.

I know about this couple because they are my parents and their story starts in 1966. It was common practice, and legal, to prohibit pregnant woman from attending public school until the United States Education Amendments of 1972, which includes Title IX, became law.

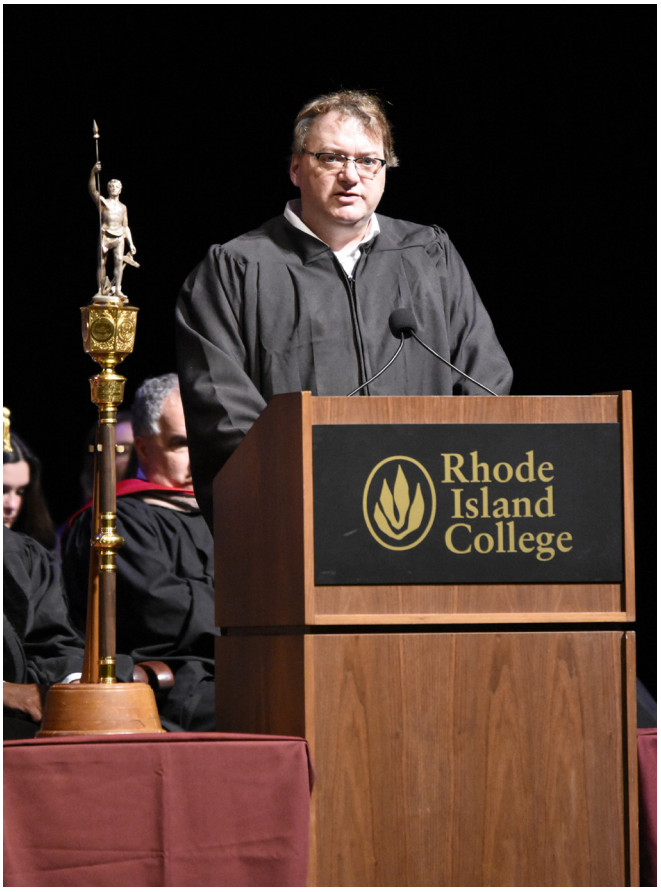
I learned a lot from my parents and I hope some of these lessons will resonate with you. I learned that obstacles, sometimes unfair or unjust, can be overcome. I learned that anything worth having takes time and effort, sometimes more than anticipated. I learned that getting an education requires support and sacrifices by people close to you. I learned to embrace my mistakes and to be careful when defining something as a mistake. What appears to be a mistake on day one might turn out to be a blessing. My parents never considered me a mistake.

I love you Mom and Dad. Thank you everything you have ever done for me and for a wonderful story to share with everyone here today. In a few weeks, all your children will have college degrees. Like Mom, it took a bit longer and a few schools for me to finish my degree.

To my wife Carole, thank you for supporting me while I worked on my degree at CCRI, then Stonehill College and finally here at RIC. I could not have done this without your love and understanding.

I encourage all graduating seniors to take some time in the next few weeks to thank the people in your lives who supported and sacrificed for you during your time in college

Thank you and congratulations class of 2017!



A Year in News

New presidency, same old protests

Louisa D'Ovidio
Editor in Chief

Ten lucky Rhode Island College students were able to attend the historic Women's march in Washington, DC. The momentous March will go down in history as several news sources declared it the largest protest ever held in the U.S.

"It was the first time participating in such a protest/rally. It energized me. It makes me speak out much more about the issues I care about ... Democracy is not a spectator sport," said Carson Moore, Vice President of the Political Science Club and a senior seeking a degree in public administration.

"Participating in the march was the highlight of the trip. It was an excellent lesson in what democracy should look like," said senior Taylor Dame, also seeking a degree in Public Administration.

The students were also able to attend the inauguration itself while in DC.

Senior Michelle Arias Santabay, President of the Political Science Club, had this to say: "having attended both events you could definitely sense two different environments. On Inauguration Day everywhere you went was a reminder of how long and depressing these next four year will be, but when participating in the march on Saturday it made all the worries go away because we now know we are even more united than ever before."

Genesis Sanchez Tavares, a senior majoring in Public Administration and Justice Studies said, "Being at both the inauguration and the march lend itself to two completely different experiences. At the inauguration I felt fear and disappointment. At the march I only felt love and unity."

Breaking the stigma of students with intellectual disabilities

Kristy O'Connor
Secretary

Rhode Island College has introduced a new program to combat the misconception that individuals with intellectual disabilities do not attend college.

A five year grant allowed RIC to introduce a new employment program, in which enrolled individuals receive a certificate of undergraduate studies in college and career attainment after two years. Along with structured classes, students also have the opportunity to take other integrated courses that interest them.

The program places an emphasis on gaining work experience within the campus and community. Allyson Durkin, employment coordinator, and Deb Arenberg, academic mentor coordinator, teach the employment classes, and currently have four students enrolled. Durkin also organizes the on-campus and off-campus internships for students.

"There is a stigma that students with disabilities do not go to college ... giving them the opportunity to be college students ... is important," Durkin said.

Within the introduction to vocational exploration class, students get the opportunity to participate in mock interviews to prepare them for future job interviews, preparing students to have a jobs of their own.

"We are looking for them to grow as people and find employment they enjoy," said Durkin.

This program is not a certified transition program yet, which means that any student who is enrolled has to pay their own tuition. The program is working on obtaining its certification for next year, so students can be eligible for financial aid.

Students in the program also have a mentor, which means that there is a one-to-one student-to-instructor ratio.

Durkin hopes that by next semester, they can have over 40 mentors and 10-12 students. This program is a great step toward helping individuals with intellectual disabilities attend college.

Board of Education votes to increase tuition

Taylor Dame
News Editor

Tuition may increase for thousands of students across the Ocean State as the Board of Education has approved increases. The increases will have to be approved by Governor Gina Raimondo when she submits the yearly state budget to the General Assembly.

The 7 percent increase would affect all three of the public higher education institutions in the state. At Rhode Island College, the increase will be $570 for in-state students, and over $1,000 for others.

Students were left scratching their heads at the board's decision to announce the increase a day before they were set to vote on the matter.

Community Health and Wellness major, Steven V. said that "allowing us a day's notice is just absolutely unacceptable."

President Frank Sanchez in his email to the student body said that he has "advocated for increased state dollars and, together with the Council, has concluded [they] need to increase tuition as well."

Altogether, the board asked for $30 million in increased funding for the colleges and university. Two thirds of it will come from students while the remaining third will come from the state.

Students are angry and worried over the planned increases. Anna Plouffe, who studies English, said, "as someone who has little to no financial aid, this increase greatly upsets me."

The Board did agree to increasing financial aid at all three schools in conjunction with the tuition increases.

Jonathan Klos, a Musical Theatre major, asked, "why are you hurting students who are trying their hardest to pursue a higher education?"

It now falls on Raimondo to decide whether or not to go through with the increases.

A Year in Arts & Lifestyles

Student spotlight: Brendan Cody

Kristy O'Connor
Secretary

After a freshman year that wasn't the best, Brendan Cody got involved in numerous clubs to make other people's experiences better than his.

"Getting involved has built my confidence ... A lot of people in this world are hard on themselves and focus on their shortcomings more than their accomplishments. Getting involved has taught me to focus more on positives," he said.

Even with this heavy psychology course load, Cody holds numerous leadership positions on campus, and is now the vice president of the Resident Student Association.

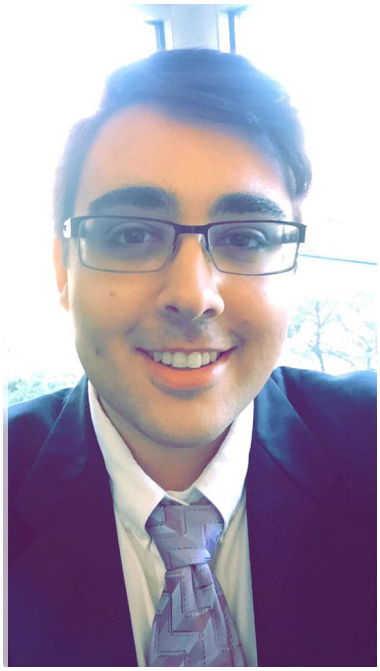
"The main goal of RSA is to facilitate community-building and make a difference on the residential side of campus, as well as reaching out to commuters by planning events and activities," he said.

Cody is also president of the RI chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH). They host events such as fundraisers for charity. Cody himself received the Diamond Award, which recognizes four to five individuals nationwide for community involvement.

Cody also has two on-campus jobs in the alumni office. He works in the division of advancement and external relations and with the RIC Student Calling Program, where he seeks gifts and donations from RIC alumni.

"I love the diversity and inclusion of student life. RIC ... does a lot to make sure that every individual feels included and accepted in the community."

Serving as an RA this year has allowed Cody to further impact residents.



"My favorite part is being a support to residents and making connections with them and helping them make connections with each other," he said.

Cody hopes to use his psychology degree to counsel children and young adults with autism. No matter what Cody does, he will always be advocating for students and helping others reach their potential.

Honestly hilarious; a millenial's brand of raw humor

Gianna Rocchio
A&L Editor

Sponsored by The Performing Arts Series at Rhode Island College, Programming Event Board and Student Activities, Rhode Island College is proud to welcome comedian Pete Davidson to campus. After polling nearly 1,000 students, SNL comedian Pete Davidson has been voted as the campus favorite and will be stopping by for a performance next month.

In his second season of Saturday Night Live, Davidson became one of the youngest cast members in the show's 40 year history when he joined at only 20 years old. Now 23, he is known for his periodic appearances as the "Resident Young Person" on SNL's "Weekend Update," giving his take on current events from a hilariously-relatable millennial perspective. His other roles include the film "Trainwreck," the TV show "Guy Code" and the past couple Comedy Central Roasts. Davidson has quickly become a fan favorite on SNL and beyond, clearly indicated by his big win with RIC students.

Before the end of last semester, students were polled on campus and online for their preferred comedian visit. With four options, students were allowed to vote three times in rank-ordering for their first, second and third choices. This was good news for those of us torn between the four comedians. In second place was The Daily Show's Senior Correspondent Hasan Minhaj with 505 points, compared to Davidson's nearly 800 votes. Colin Jost, another SNL cast member, came in third place with 485 points, followed by stand-up comedian Tig Notaro with 330 points. If Davidson's landslide win tells us anything, student's will be flocking to this show's pre-sale next week.

Vagina Monologues comes to RIC

Kristy O'Connor
Secretary

With such a jarring name, The Vagina Monologues, may prompt a judgmental reaction until one sits back to experience first hand what the play is really about.

Vagina Monologues was written by Eve Ensler and is traditionally performed during V-Day week each year. V-Day is a global activist movement that aims to end violence against women in every way that they can and has been doing so for 16 years.

Once you've arrived, actresses channel the emotion and struggles of the women whose stories are being shared.

"It's important that people hear these kinds of stories and are able to learn and understand what these women and other people have gone through," says Amanda Irwin, a Senior at Rhode Island College who has participated in The Vagina Monologues for three years.

Cedar Hayes organized and hosted the event this year, and as a senior at RIC this is her third year hosting the production. She explained the lengthy process that goes into planning the event, and explained that the cast is put through domestic violence training with representatives from the Sojourner House.

"It is important to make small communities at RIC remember that we care and there are groups that remind transexual women and women of color and all these different women that they are welcome, important and that their voices matter", says Hayes.

Jacqueline James participated in the monologues by sharing her personal experiences through a song she wrote and performed.

"This is important because there is little acknowledgement of the things women go through. To bring a bunch of people together, whether women or transgender men or any oppressed communities together and have them experience something empowering brings people together and helps some people realize what is really going on," James says.

New podcast centers around Providence Mafia

Angelina Denomme
Business Manager

Buddy Cianci almost didn't run for mayor of Providence. If buying a boat had been cheaper, he probably would have died with a reputation for sailing down the East Coast every chance he got, instead of being indicted for extortion, kidnapping and assault. This is just one of the stories told by the new podcast "Crimetown". The series kicks off with the story of Providence's own Vincent Albert "Buddy" Cianci, Jr. and his progression from young, eager Assistant District Attorney fresh out of law school forty years ago, to local hero who took on the notorious mobster Raymond L.S. Patriarca.

"Crimetown" tells the story of Federal Hill, the third largest home of the Cosa Nostra, the Sicilian Mafia, in the United States. Told through alternating hosts, archival audio newsreels and unique music compositions with a synthetic spin, "Crimetown" hits home for Providence-dwellers and organized crime cities alike. For those people around the nation and for people from Rhode Island, especially those who were too young to remember a time when Patriarca sat in a lawn chair wearing white socks with a cigar sticking out of his mouth in front of the Coin-O-Matic, "Crimetown" is an interesting history lesson on how the power of a small Italian neighborhood in the smallest state can expand to the entirety of New England.

The focus of "Crimetown" on Providence's own seedy past makes for a hugely successful storyline that keeps listeners coming back for more. Told by dual narrators, this podcast is able to keep listeners engaged with its involved storytelling and interesting production decisions. As each episode is released, the series delves a little deeper into the aspects of organized crime in Providence. "Crimetown" is able to slowly weave together a complex web of plot points to tell the story of how the heart of Providence came to be. Engaging, immensely interesting and creatively produced, "Crimetown" is an essential podcast for every Rhode Island native.

A Year in Opinions

There's more

Shane Inman
Managing Editor

As we drift through our years at RIC, we understandably tend to get swept up in our own work and tune out everything beyond our immediate academic circles. The campus shrinks, as does its population. We lose something when that happens.

One of the uniquely amazing things about colleges is that they contain a multitude of different populations, all of whom are actively seeking and retaining wildly varying pools of knowledge. The potential for exchanges of information, even in bits and pieces, such as a scrap of scientific knowledge providing new groundwork for a theatrical production. One would be hard-pressed to find such a diversity of knowledge and passion anywhere else in society, but we have no way to take advantage of this rare opportunity if we put on the usual blinders.

Perhaps even more important than the raw information itself, however, are the mindsets said information attracts and encourages. Each field of study draws a different type of students to it, and fosters within those students a system for approaching the world particular to that field. Just as hard facts and knowledge can and should be freely exchanged and explored by those less familiar with them, so too should these distinct mindsets. One becomes most prepared to deal with and adapt to the ever-changing world by incorporating a vast array of ideas and values into their own personal ideological framework. This is what sets someone up for success.

You're surrounded by facts and ideas just waiting to be harnessed. Look past your immediate surroundings, reach out and take advantage.. Piece together an ideology that blends the ideas of countless others into something uniquely your own. In the long run, you'll be better for it--we all will.

I'm on a diet, so you can't eat a cookie

Kristen Roy
Copy Editor

A woman's right to choose is not a debate about life v. death. This is a long-fought debate regarding a woman's right to make a medical decision involving her own body. Period. The propagandistic, heavily politicized approach to both arguments has turned this debate into what it is today: saving babies v. killing babies.

The opposition to the pro-choice side of this debate has inaccurately and misleadingly adopted the name pro-life.

If these two camps are firmly planted on opposite sides of this debate, as the world knows them to be, wouldn't pro-life be in resistance to pro-death? This just seems wrong; especially, to any pro-choice supporter.

Additionally, under no circumstances is any pro-choice supporter or pro-choice piece of legislation declaring or even suggesting in the slightest that abortions should maintain legality so that every woman who conceives a child -- willfully or not -- must get an abortion. That would be ludicrous. In fact, nowhere in the entire pro-choice argument will anyone find the urging for or promotion of abortions. Pro-choice simply means pro-choice -- the right to choose. Nothing more, nothing less.

Whereas, the pro-life argument aims to remove the choice from the people and urges for the illegalization of abortions altogether. In other words, the "I'm on a diet, so you can't eat a cookie" approach.

With the passing of Norma McCorvey, the "Roe" in the landmark Supreme Court case Roe v. Wade, it needs to be noted that this woman became an ardent pro-lifer in the latter half of her life. To learn this as a pro-choice supporter may be shocking or disappointing, but it most certainly shouldn't be. Norma McCorvey, or Jane Roe, is very literally the epitome of everything for which her landmark case stood: the right to choose.

Leeches and heroes

Louisa D'Ovidio
Editor-in-chief

Would any professor with half a soul truly assign such a monstrosity? Yes! A semester-long group project socks you straight in the jaw!

It forces you to ask the following questions: Has anyone ever enjoyed a group project ever? Will there be a collective or separate grade? Will the grade factor in how much you hate your group mates by the end? Do the students pick groups or does satan himself assign them?

It's a well known fact, group projects are usually kind of the worst. From here-on-out this will be referred to as "group suck," wherein all group grades, group presentations, group essays and group work gets sucked into a black hole of frustration, rage and 2 a.m. missed deadlines.

Group suck is caused by three main issues: group members who suck, group leaders who suck and assignments that suck.

Everyone has had a group member who never once contributed to a group project. They either disappear for three weeks and stop responding to emails, keep "forgetting" to do any of their work or just completely disregard the entire assignment.

It would seem group suck is inevitable if in all groups, no matter how efficient, there are members who "leech" off other students' hard work. These leeches create the perfect environment for another group trope: the lone hero syndrome.

The "lone hero" of the group is identifiable as the one student with their sh*t together. These students are forced to become the leader out of necessity and end up doing the entire project to become the sole savior of the group grade.

Lone hero syndrome is not fun for the afflicted person or their groupmates. Hero's often become tyrannical dictators by the end of the semester, and are not easy to work with.

All this being said, and widely known, professors continue to assign work in groups! When assigning group projects surely there must be a way to reduce group suck on the teacher's end? Professors have the ultimate say over the rules of group projects.Rules like grading not collectively but rather individually, building in self-reporting systems to keep people accountable, carefully picking groups of students who will work well together, maybe even granting the divine right of leadership to a hand-picked student.

The entire weight of group suck can't be left on teachers' shoulders. After all, the entire point of group projects is to learn to be effective leaders and work together towards a collective goal, which are admirable learning objectives. This means students, and specifically leaders, are just as much to blame.

Everyone can utilize group work in classes to flex their leadership muscles and learn to cultivate healthy relationships with their peers. So, get out there, find your group and stay golden, lone heroes.

The strange case of Norma McCorvey and Jane Roe

Ryan Foley
Anchor Staff

Imagine dying before achieving what you consider to be your ultimate goal in life. Well, it happens all the time. One of the most recent people this happened to was Norma McCorvey who died at the age of 69.

McCorvey, using the pseudonym Jane Roe, was the plaintiff in the landmark 1973 Supreme Court case Roe v. Wade, which ruled unconstitutional all state laws banning abortion. Today, abortion remains one of the most heated political debates in our country, with no signs of cooling off anytime soon.

Eventually, McCorvey came to regret her decision and became a vocal pro-life activist. Believe it or not, her change in thought came about after spending time working in an abortion clinic in the mid-1990s. She describes her conversion experience in her 1998 book "Won by Love." She testified before Congress twice, first in 1998 and again in 2005. She founded the ministry "Roe No More," claiming that her ultimate goal in life was to reverse Roe v. Wade. She once stated, "I am dedicated to spending the rest of my life undoing the law that bears my name."

While McCorvey may be gone, the lessons she taught us are not. She taught us that it is possible for everyone to achieve redemption, no matter how far down the wrong path in life they are. While McCorvey did not live to see her ultimate goal reached, that does not mean that it never will.

A Year in Sports

RIC's Most Valuable Performers named

Marissa Marsella
Anchor Staff

RIC junior athlete Dayna Reilly from Swansea, MA was awarded the MVP award for Women's Tennis and the 2016 Little East Conference Women's Tennis Player of the Year. Reilly posted a near-perfect 13-1 record while playing in the No. 1 Singles spot for the Little East Regular Season Co-Championships.

RIC senior goalie, Chris Moura from Rumford, RI was given the title of Men's Soccer MVP. Moura featured in 19 games—starting in them all—leading the Anchormen to the program's first-ever Little East Conference Regular Season Co-Championships. Moura went 14-4-1, averaging 1.07 goals against average, 111 saves, and a 0.847 save percentage with seven shutouts. With 16 total shutouts in his career, Moura leaves RIC tied for second on the school's all-time shutout list.

RIC sophomore forward Olivia Capraro from North Providence, RI was named the MVP for the Women's Soccer team. Capraro made 12 starts for the team, tallying three goals and three assists for nine points. She ranks fifth on the squad for scoring.

RIC senior athlete Jonathan Carney from Bristol, RI claimed the MVP title for Men's Cross Country. He finished in 26th place at the Little East Championship, recording a personal best time of 27:40.69.

Allison Lomas, a RIC senior athlete from Saunderstown, RI, took the title of Women's Cross Country MVP for 2016.

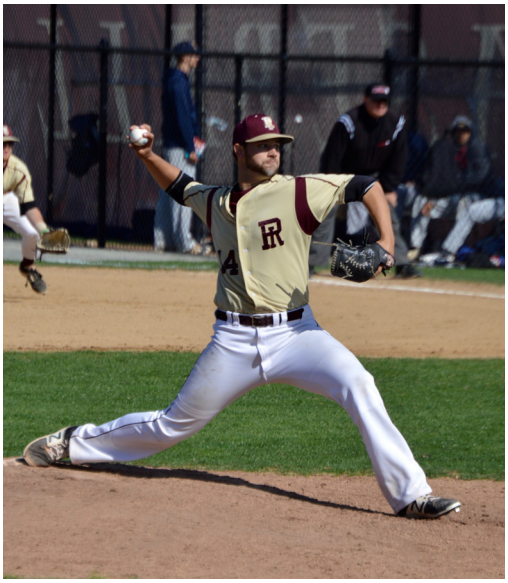
Hall of Fame inductions

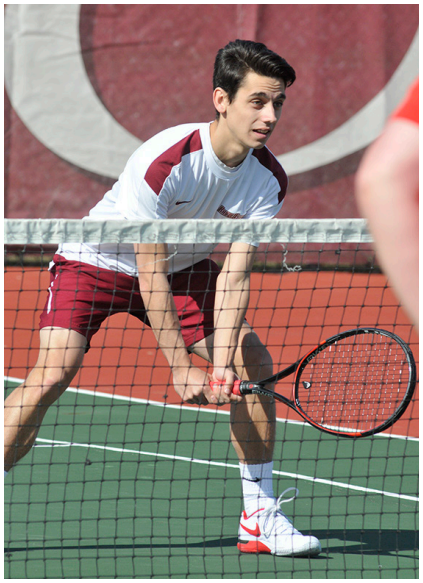
Marissa Marsella
Anchor Staff

Outstanding outfielder Christopher V. O'Connors from Rhode Island College's Class of 2008 secured a spot in the Athletic Hall of Fame. O'Connors ranked first all-time career batting at RIC, as well as second in doubles and walks, third in hits, fourth in total bases, fifth in runs scored, and seventh in career slugging with an average of .594 at the conclusion of his baseball career. O'Connors also claimed the vast titles of Third Team All-New England, First Team All-Little East, and the squad's MVP.

Amy L. Machado earned her induction after starring as a third baseman from 2002-2005. Track and cross country star, Timothy P. Rudd, was awarded for accomplishments garnered throughout his time as a student before graduating in 2004. Dana J. Murnigham proved herself a standout for her track career in 2007. Donald E. Tencher as RIC's Director of Athletics in 2005 will forever be remembered. Tencher finished in the top 30 percent of the Learfield Sports Directors Cup standings among a field of 447 Division III institutions nationally.

Joseph G. Testa, a four-year letter-maker in men's tennis at Rhode Island College between the years of 1997-2000, will also be awarded a spot for his accomplishments in accumulating multiple winning seasons for the Anchormen during his tenure. Robert G. Walsh will also be inducted for his legacy as RIC's best basketball coach for nine seasons between the years of 2005-2014 with a compiled record of 204-63.





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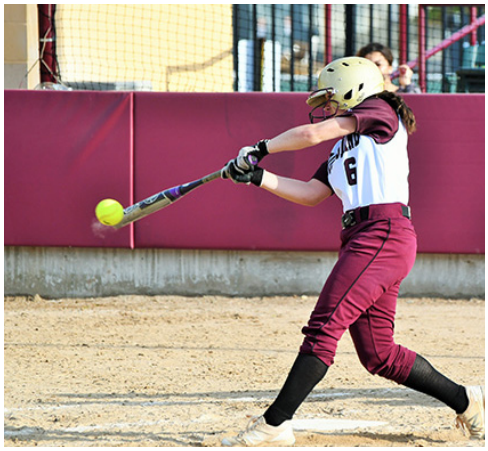

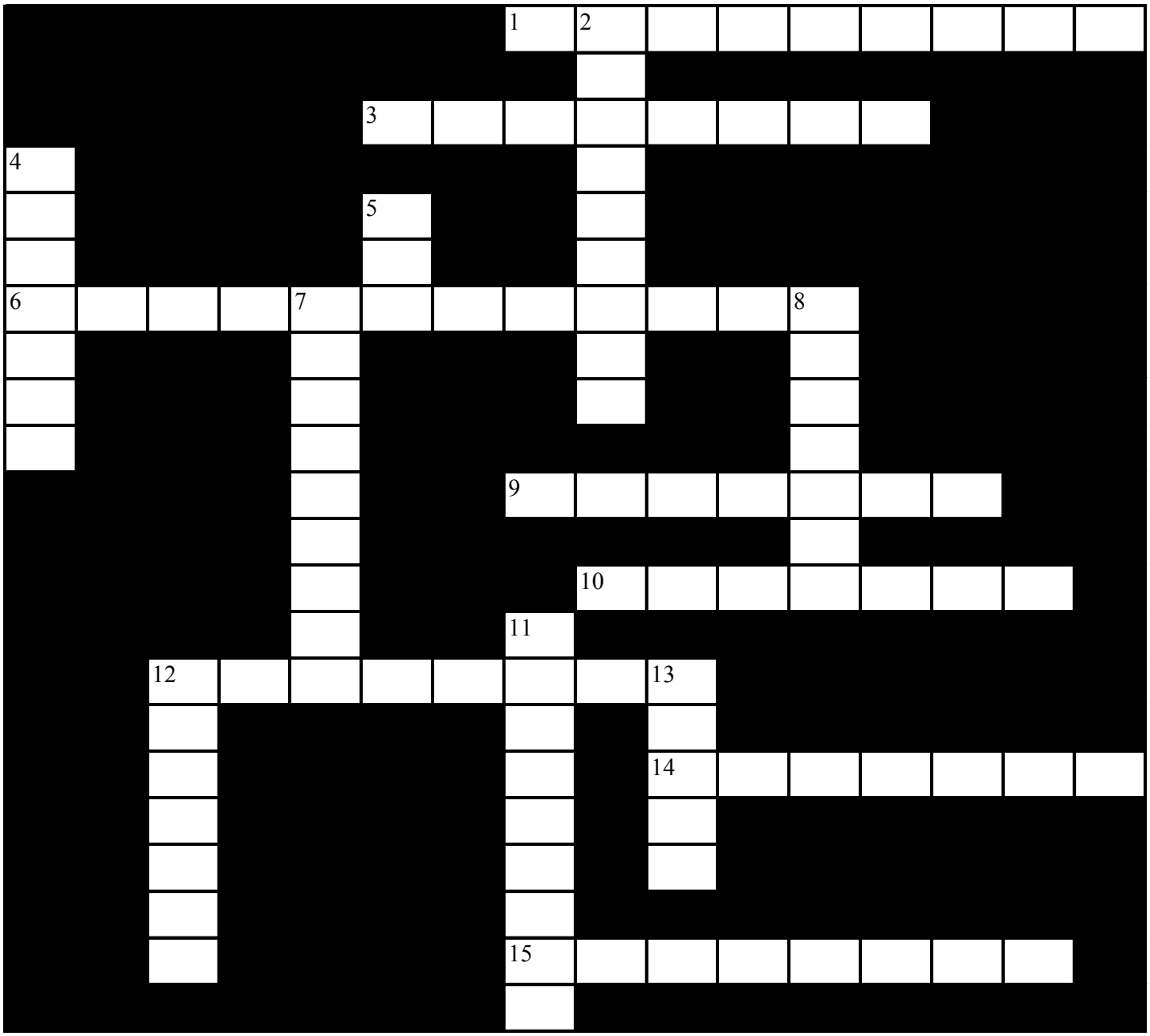

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2	RIC mascot	8	Feathery friends of Nancy
4	Loves listening and long walks on the quad	11	The other 20% of RIC
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7	Pink Floyd don't need none	13	Home to the Anchor Newspaper, WXIN, and Anchor TV

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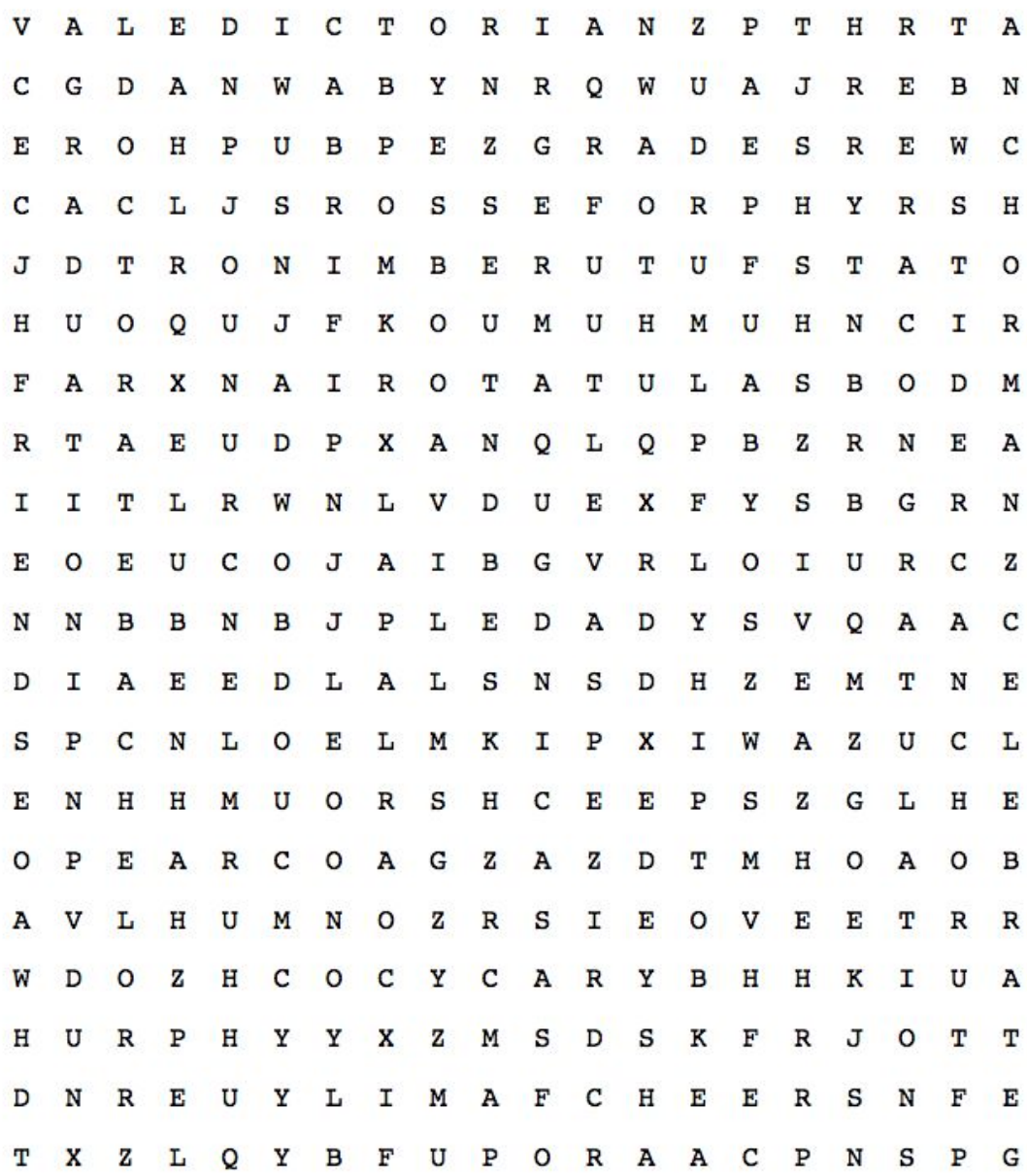

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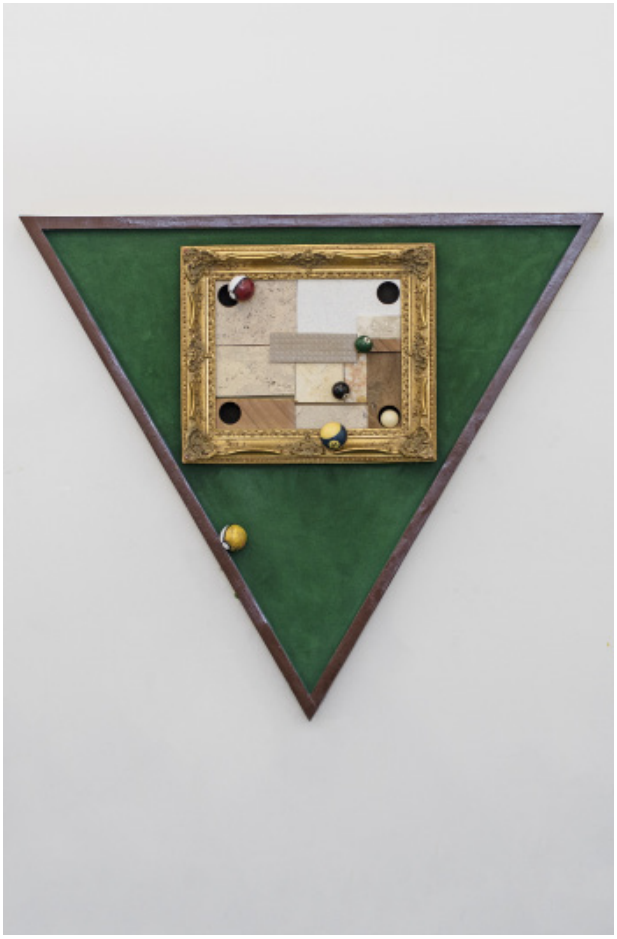

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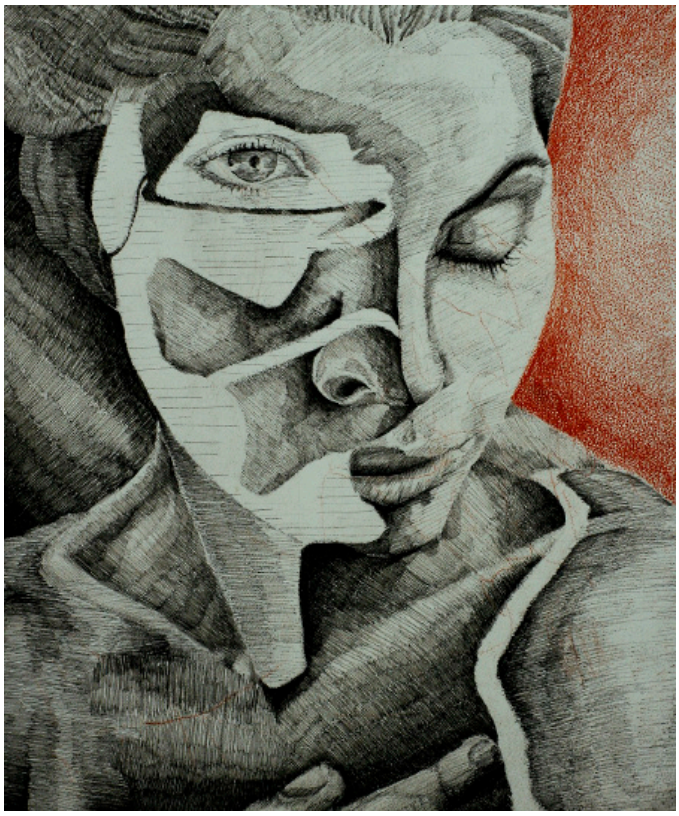

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Anchor Farewells

Shane Inman
Managing Editor

During my time at Rhode Island College, my experience was shaped not by the institution itself, but by the people I found here.

I was welcomed by Sojourn, a self-described "collegiate ministry," in spite of being a lifelong atheist, because those differences of belief weren't as important to them as just getting a bunch of people together to make friends and have a good time. There I met Nate, who taped up a newspaper article of mine in the Sojourn office and never let me disappear completely even when I was at my busiest and my flakiest. Thanks man.

I learned from amazing professors, particularly Emily Danforth and Karen Boren, who pushed me to reevaluate and reinvent my writing again and again until I understood how to shape it into something halfway decent, and who always looked out for my future as both a writer and a person. Wherever I go from here, I'll always owe a large part of it to them.

Then there was The Anchor. I often say that joining The Anchor was one of the best decisions of my life, and there's no exaggeration in that. I knew that while riding an evening bus in Austin, Texas, tangled in an extended debate about the nature of existence, and I know it now. It's where I met Josh, a Humans vs Zombies blood brother turned real friend, and Ken, probably the coolest and classiest guy I've ever known. Kristy, with her sometimes unsettling love of animals, joined the same week as I did, and spends equal time encouraging my morbid humor and trying to keep me from doing stupid things. And I met Louisa, whose absurd work ethic I've been unsuccessfully trying to match ever since.

Thanks for being there, everyone. You've made RIC a pretty cool place.

Angelina Denomme
Buisness Manager

As our last semester at RIC comes to a close, and we are thrust into a time of upheaval and unending reflection of the last years, I can't seem to actually remember the long nights writing essays followed by too quick approaching mornings. I know these nights existed; I can feel them in my back from months of being hunched over a laptop and in my eyelids, so dry that I feared I'd never be able to peel them open again. The pain, heartache, and steady buzz of stress has completely faded away, something I never thought would happen, leaving only a sense of complete triumph. There is so much right, measured, and peaceful in this moment of triumph: it's ineffable.

In weeks, not months or even years, we will all be off in our new adult lives. My ticket has been booked for graduate school down south for some time now, but it's not even a reality I can conceive of as real. Not now; not when my current world, with my friends, family, and all the professors who shaped me over the last three years, is here at RIC. The experiences I have had, especially this last year at The Anchor Newspaper, are ones for the history books. When I'm old, greying, and trying to convince my kids that college is the right decision for them, I'll tell them about the people I've met here, about the late night dinner runs, the games of frisbee after a formal event, everyone in their dresses and tuxes and nobody caring, and the inside jokes that kept me laughing for days. I'll tell them of the long nights spent studying with friends, exhausted and laughing, of the odd feeling of exhilaration and fear when you're forced outside of your comfort zone, but mostly I'll tell the world of the way in which finding your people will make you feel safe and secure in a world that can promise neither.

I am not worried about moving on and away from RIC. The strength, determination, and sheer force of will that was tirelessly crafted by our tenure at this institution will carry us far in life. Gigabytes worth of photos, blurry and beautiful, will keep the moments alive but the relationships we have built here will be sustained, not through tangible things, but through sheer love, respect, and tenacity. Though we are saying goodbye without the safety net of a coming academic year, this farewell is not one that will end worlds, but one that will begin a new chapter in our relationships built on our own ability to stay together even when time and distance separates.

I appreciate you.

Kristy O'Connor
Secretary

How are you supposed to write a goodbye when that's the last thing that you want to do? What are you supposed to say when it hasn't even registered that you are leaving? How are you supposed to leave when everything you've come to love is staying behind? Those are the questions lingering in my mind as the end of my undergraduate career comes to an end.

Freshman year I timidly walked by the student activities day tables certain that I would never find my place in any of the clubs. I had always wanted to write for a school newspaper but I convinced myself that it would never happen. No one wants to read my writing, I told myself. I had also been told not to join because people who join The Anchor are weird, and I should have realized then that I would fit right in. It took me almost two years to get up the courage to set foot into the Anchor Newspaper, and now I don't want to leave. I started writing a health column about being a vegetarian and different ways to stay healthy, and before I knew it I had found my place.

In The Anchor I found an outlet to express the things I wanted to say as well as the events and issues that I wanted people to be aware of on campus. I covered the events that slipped through the cracks and did student and club spotlights to bring recognition to the people who work extraordinarily hard to pursue the things they are passionate about.

The last thing I ever expected to find was a group of people who understood my insane sense of humor and dry sarcasm. I never thought that I would want to spend all my time in an office working hard to maintain a newspaper section, while at the same time constantly goofing off with incredible people. I guess that is the best part of college, you never know what is going to happen. You can never fathom what joining one club or organization can do until you actually go for it.

My time at RIC I was the secretary of RIC's National Student Speech Language and Hearing club, the secretary of Lambda Pi Eta the communications honor society, the secretary and lifestyles editor of the Anchor Newspaper, and the Vice President of the senior class. My first two years at RIC I played on RIC's ultimate frisbee team and I also mentored at Henry Barnard school. Each of these clubs I was a part of impacted my college experience and have left me with memories that I will never forget.

To those of you who still have time at RIC, hold onto it. If there is something you have been wanting to be a part of, but are holding yourself back, go for it. RIC has incredible opportunities available everywhere you turn, you just have to stop holding yourself back.

I joined the Anchor shortly after transferring to RIC from CCRI and I am extremely happy that I did. I was never the type to go and actively join a club and the only reason I joined was because Louisa D'Ovidio shared a class with me and asked me to write for her. She was serving then as the News Editor and asked me to write an article on a new ordinance the City of Providence had passed regarding student housing. It was the first time my writing was being published and I was not confident in it, but then it was published and from then on I was writing every week.

I credit the Anchor with improving my writing, which is still not great, but has gotten much better. They have been a great group of people to work with and I will look back fondly on my time in the Ducey Media Center. It is because of the Anchor that I got more involved on campus and joined the Political Science Club, Student Parliament, and ran for Vice President of Student Community Government. My time at RIC has been great because I was involved in student life here on campus and it was all because I happened to be grouped with Louisa in one of my first classes at the college. I will forever be thankful to her and to the Anchor.

Taylor Dame
Opinions Editor

Kayleigh Lahousse
Layout Editor

There have been so many time that I've sat with my head in my hands and thought that college would never be over. Now that the time is here, it's hard to believe that I am finally graduating.

A little over a year ago, the Art Director of The Anchor sent me an email asking if I would be interested in a position as Layout Editor. I had just started taking graphic design classes and thought that this would be a great opportunity. I was a full-time student working two other jobs so I also was a little hesitant wondering if I would be taking on too much, but I pushed those anxieties out of my head and scheduled an interview.

Thus began the wonderful experience of being part of the Anchor family. I can honestly say this is the best job I have ever had and I only wish I could stay longer. I am excited—if slightly terrified—to leave this chapter in my life and begin a new one, but I will miss sitting at my desk and chatting and laughing with the friends I have made.

I remember transferring here from CCRI and thinking that, much like at my previous school, I would probably spend most of my time alone. Little did I know I would meet some of the most amazing people and best friends anyone could ask for. I have grown so much in these three short years and the biggest lessons I learned were these:

It's okay to fall apart. It's okay to make mistakes. It's okay to be afraid as long as we pick ourselves back up. Use every failure as a lesson, and never let fear stop you from trying. Because the only thing worse than fear is regret.

I am thankful to everyone in my life, for I would never have gotten here without you and I wish all of my fellow students the best of luck. Congratulations everyone, we did it!

To stairwells and winding halls, favorite lunch places that beckon and call. To classrooms, dorms, and office desks, and the whole era, written across the walls...

To the masses of peers who did surround my classes and in my dining hall abound, and filled my dormitories, and shared my racing track and parked poorly in the lots...

To the animated faces of teachers about which centered my learnings, in large amount. A parade of colorful characters, with their own wisdoms and humors: an interesting cast, there can be no doubt...

To the Ballroom where I often would dine on my lunch. To the empty classrooms I would commandeer to study a bunch, or perhaps to just use the projector to entertain myself, and of course to the café, where I occasionally also munched...

To the days spent studying for quizzes too near, or spent fighting in Smash tournaments for glory so dear, or spent running the streets of the city to train for the race, or spent all day at a meet, racing through woods without fear...

To the nights I returned from work and dressed in my gear, to run the grounds all spread out here as the next day's hours creeped into the sky, and back to my dorm I would again veer...

To the days spent staring at the same code for hours and finding the bug to be one line I must not have scoured, to semesters spent working four jobs, and still making the grades, because from no obstacles should I let myself cower...

Jonathan Carney
Distribution Manager

To days spent racing through K lot, over mountains of snow, my beard covered in ice, as a fierce wind did blow...

I must now bid ado, my work here is done. I will toss you a salute, and on my way I will go.

After being part of so, so many organizations in my time at Rhode Island College, I finally landed in The Anchor my senior year. I've been part of WXIN, Anchor TV, Otaku, GAMER, Chess Club, Anchorheads, and served as Speaker of Student Parliament, all leading up to what I would consider the position I was most comfortable in – at The Anchor.

When you're a "student leader," it's difficult to watch all the work you've done and people you've met turn into a single line on your resume. The good part is that you take those experiences and memories with you. I wish everyone the best, and farewell.

Patrick Hurd
Technology Director

Ryan Foley
Opinions Writer

During my time writing for The Anchor, I have worn many hats: news writer, assistant news editor and, most recently, opinions writer. Today, I put on a different kind of hat, more of a cap, as my college career comes to a close.

During my four-year tenure with this organization, I have written thousands of words, eaten dozens of pieces of pizza while attending the Wednesday meetings, and published nearly 100 articles. I am very grateful for my time at The Anchor, which allowed me to build on my previous experience writing for the Westerly High School newspaper for four years.

Well, I guess it's time to say goodbye. To all of my political science professors, enjoy your brand new offices in Gaige next year. I extend my congratulations to the newly elected members of The Anchor's executive board. To all of the underclassmen, graduation will sneak up on you before you know it. I would like to thank my parents, family and friends for sticking with me in the best of times and the worst of times. My brief but memorable experience here at Rhode Island College is one that I will certainly never forget.

Goodbye, farewell, and amen.

It seemed like only yesterday I was entering Rhode Island College. Now I am leaving with a degree in Studio Art, a concentration in Photography and a minor in Business. My time with The Anchor Newspaper all started with a flyer I saw in the Alex and Ani art building. The flyer was advertising a search for photographers, and a couple semesters later I was the newspaper's Photo Editor. I also represented RIC's cross country and track team, which was quite the journey with every mile I ran with the team. Always remember to live in the moment and enjoy what's around you. Before you know it you will blink and be in the real world as an adult.

Tess Rhoat
Photography Editor

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